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MVD TARGET SHEET.

1. According to Source I, MVD Luisenstrasse is currently showing some interest in Hauptmann der Reserve SKUL, whom they are very anxious to apprehend for his part in the German war effort. SKUL spent five years in Russia before the war, speaks excellent Russian, and during the war was in charge of Soviet prisoners of war affairs, being personally in charge of three PW camps in the Berlin area, where the prisoners were mostly Russians.

2. Source II supplied us with fuller information regarding our, in November 1945, on the basis of which Subject was arrested by CID Berlin and held locally.

a. According to Source II, SKUL, an engineer in civilian life, but an active Abwehr officer of many years' standing, was first assigned during the war to the ~~Abwehrnachrichtenstelle~~ Berlin, which was alternately attached to the OKW and the Abwehrstab Berlin. The mission of this agency was the evaluation and distribution to proper bureaus of captured enemy documents.

b. Circa 1941-42, Subject belonged to the ~~Amtsstelle für Abschaffung Russland~~, (document processing, etc) and ~~was~~ ~~possibly~~ ~~employed~~ in Moscow.

c. From about 1942-43 to the end of the war, Subject was assigned to the office of ~~Amtsstelle für die Erkundung Russland~~, and was in charge of III Kgr.

d. During the Russian occupation of Berlin, SKUL worked for the Russians (without their knowing his war background) in the restoration of public utilities in Lichtenfelde, and when the Americans took over that sector, was employed by the Americans as a 'supervisor'--i.e., foreman and interpreter for a group of some 200 German laborers working for the Americans.

e. Source II's reporting of the information contained above, in paragraph 2, led to SKUL's arrest, but Source I reports that he is now at liberty, living at Berlin-Schleissensee, Dorfflingerstrasse 6.

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4. SKUL is termed very clever and shrewd by Source II. Source I calls him the "hochstapler" or swindler type.

COMMENT:

A new quadripartite agreement, put into effect on 10 September, determines that there will be no more internal arrests, except in cases where the party wanting to make the arrest clears the matter in advance with the officials of the zone in which the arrested lives, an agreement which applies to the four occupation zones as well as the sectors of Berlin.

Our attitude in L'affaire SKUL (when we are not interested in turning over to the Russians, but for whom we are not prepared to take special security measures) will be one of waiting for developments of how the Russians, determined to apprehend SKUL, will do it in the face of this new agreement.

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